

To: Interested Parties
From: NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF)
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RE: Connecticut Voters Want Their Legislators to Prioritize the CTVRA

In March 2023, Secure Democracy USA (via Survey USA) asked 863 Connecticut registered voters about several pro-democracy proposals lawmakers are currently considering. The survey uncovered robust support for the Connecticut Voting Rights Act (CTVRA, [SB1226](#)), especially among voters of color.

- **Voters support a “Connecticut Voting Rights Act, protecting Connecticut voters from unequal barriers...” across race and party lines.**
 - 75% overall support
 - 77% support among Black voters, including 73% strong support
 - 76% white support, 75% Latino / Hispanic support
 - 64% Republican support, 83% Democratic support
- **Black voters in CT want their representatives to prioritize the CTVRA**
 - 89% “want my representatives to prioritize protecting Connecticut voters from unequal barriers that can prevent Black and Latino residents from having the same freedom to vote as everyone else.”
 - 82% strongly agree that “My vote is my voice...I want my representatives to prioritize making sure I have the freedom to vote without facing discrimination or unnecessary barriers to the ballot.”
- **Latino / Hispanic voters in CT want their representatives to prioritize the CTVRA**
 - 85% agree that “My vote is my voice...I want my representatives to prioritize making sure I have the freedom to vote without facing discrimination or unnecessary barriers to the ballot.”
 - 68% “want my representatives to prioritize protecting Connecticut voters from unequal barriers that can prevent Black and Latino residents from having the same freedom to vote as everyone else.”
- **Support is broad and deep for CTVRA “preclearance” program that stops discriminatory policies before they go into effect.**
 - 83% of all voters agree that “we should have strong protections that prevent discrimination before it occurs...”
 - 90% of Black voters agree, and 82% strongly agree
 - 75% of Latino / Hispanic voters agree
- An overwhelming majority of Connecticut voters (81%) agree that rather than depending upon the federal government, “Connecticut needs its own strong laws to ensure every eligible voter has equal access to the ballot.”

View a summary of the poll results and methodology [here](#), and the full results [here](#).